

September 4th, 2015

## Listening Sessions Next Week



### Greetings!

I hope to see you at my two upcoming listening sessions in the Town of Hudson and the Town of Kinnickinnic. Both sessions will take place on **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. The information for the sessions is as follows:

#### Town of Hudson Listening Session

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Hudson Town Hall

980 County Road A, Hudson, WI 54016

#### Town of Kinnickinnic Listening Session

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Kinnickinnic Town Hall

1271 Co Rd J, River Falls, WI 54022

Anyone who is not able to make it should feel free to contact my office. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dean".

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WI Students Outpace National Average--Again

In another sign of Wisconsin's strong education system, **SAT scores of Wisconsin students outpaced their national**

2015 SAT Results			
All Students			
	Critical		
	Reading	Mathematics	Writing
Wisconsin	591	605	575
Nation	495	511	484

**classmates.** Over 2,200 Wisconsin high school graduates took the exam and the results are extraordinary. Wisconsin students' scores in Critical Reading, Mathematics, and Writing are all roughly **20 percent higher than the national average.**

2015 AP Program		
All Students		
	Wisconsin	Nation
Number of AP Test-Takers	41,398	2,483,452
Number of Exams	70,007	4,478,936
Number of Scores 3-5	46,969	2,595,735
Percent Earning Scores of 3-5	67.1	58.0

Student participation in Advance Placement (AP) testing is also up in Wisconsin.

Over 41,000 students elected to take one or more AP test for college credit, up 7.7 percent from last year. Even more encouraging, **67 percent of those students passed those exams.** Compare that to the national passage rate of 58 percent.

It's easy to lose track of the truth in the midst of every day political rhetoric. **That's why we rely on hard facts to make determinations.** The data above is very encouraging and points to a vibrant and healthy education system. **Keeping it that way remains one of my top priorities.**

## Public Testimony on Family Care, IRIS

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is now taking input from the public on changes to Family Care and IRIS. The Department will hold 8 hearings across the state over the next several weeks. You can also submit your comments in writing until October 11th. **Your input is critical** as we work to reform these programs **to ensure they remain viable for future generations.**

To participate in the hearings via webcast, sign up to receive updates, or for a complete schedule of hearings and information on how to send the Department your comments, [click here.](#)

# The 2015 Bluebooks Are Here

The 2015-16 Blue Books arrive at my office in Madison this week. As you can see, we have plenty!

If you'd like to add one to your collection, don't hesitate to contact my office.



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